

REMARKS

The priority claim has been amended to correct a typographical error.

The specification has been amended to provide consistent reference numbers when directing to the same part.

Fig. 24A has been amended to change reference number 460 to 462 to provide consistent reference numbers when directing to the same part.

Figs. 4B, 4D, and 4F have been amended to provide consistent reference numbers when directing to the same part.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Claims 1-6 and 8-15 remain pending in the application.

The claims are rejected in various combinations under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on Hays et al. U.S. 5,549,381, WO 96/40424, Murray U.S. 5,348,391, and WO 86/06618, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on Barker et al. U.S. 6,033,105, and under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) based on DE 29922445. As defined by amended independent claim 1, none of the cited references teach or suggest, alone or in combination, a device in which a stand includes a neck sized and configured to couple the distal tip of a receptacle. Dependent claims 2 - 6 and 8 - 15 further define the features of the device of claim 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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